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Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the instant national phase application based upon International Application No. PCT/JP00/00908, please incorporate the following changes prior to calculating the filing fee.

In the Claims:

Please replace the following claim. A marked-up copy of the claim as amended is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- a* 1 8. The method of claim 3, wherein said filler is made of foamed urethane, cloth or plastics, and said binder is a urethane binder.

Add new claims 16 and 17 as follows:

- a* 2 1 - 16. The method of claim 5, wherein said filler is made of foamed urethane, cloth or plastics, and said binder is a urethane binder.
- 1 17. The method of claim 6, wherein said filler is made of foamed urethane, cloth or plastics, and said binder is a urethane binder.-